

BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2006

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, June 26, 2006, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street in Bristol, RI. The Chairperson, Marjorie J. McBride, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Present: Marjorie J. McBride, William A. Estrella, Jr., William M. O'Dell, Paul E. Brule, Joyce M. Kinsella, John P. Saviano and Beverly Z. Travers; Edward P. Mara, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools; Donna Bettencourt-Glavin, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Grants; Jane F. Correia, Director of Administration and Finance; and Andrew Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor

Absent: Thomas E. Skuba and Paul Silva

OPENING BUSINESS

All present were invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diana Campbell, 40 Seal Island Rd., Bristol, asked the Committee if they have identified their goals; Mrs. McBride advised Ms. Campbell to check with her or the Superintendent next week. Ms. Campbell asked if the District has an updated Strategic Plan; Mrs. McBride responded yes, and to check with Dr. Mara. Ms. Campbell commented that 68% of seniors going on to college is not a good statistic, as is only 78% of freshmen finishing school; she asked what is being done about this. Mrs. McBride advised her to contact the Superintendent.

Linda Formica, representing the Asylum Road Neighborhood Association, expressed concerns about the Hugh Cole addition and parking situation—the plan eliminates a large portion of green space; the current plan resembles a strip mall; the turn-around they requested is planned, but it takes up green space. They are not in favor of the additional parking lot; there is no need for additional asphalt play area with the community playground that is to be built in October. It is not in the public's best interest to take away green space for a parking lot.

Ruth Tavares, a Bristol parent, told the Committee she received approval to home school her son on April 24. A request to home school her daughter was supposed to be approved on May 22 but was not; she has been trying to reach the Curriculum Office; on June 23 she received a note from her daughter's guidance counselor, Mrs. Atkinson, that she will have to repeat her grade. Mrs. McBride

suggested she call the Curriculum Office first thing in the morning.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Estrella motioned to approve the consent agenda; Ms. Travers seconded. The motion to approve the consent agenda passed by a vote of 6 to 0. (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote.)

Mr. Estrella motioned to seal the minutes to the May 22 and June 12 Executive Sessions; Mr. Brule seconded; the motion passed 6 to 0 (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote).

Correspondence: Mrs. McBride said she has received some correspondence that will be distributed to the Committee in the next packet.

POLICY/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

Ms. Travers reported the Subcommittee has revised the Field Trip policy for a first reading in July; they wholeheartedly recommend a Self-Evaluation of the School Committee—the preferred form will be sent in the next packet; the Superintendent will submit a format for his self-evaluation which will take place in April; they are reviewing procedures for searches for central office administrators, as well as protocols for memorials on school grounds and public participation at meetings to conform to open meeting laws.

PERSONNEL / CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Estrella reported some incremental progress with Council 94 contract negotiations; another meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night.

Regionalization Study Commission: Mr. Estrella informed the Committee that after a multitude of meetings and a great deal of data collection, and draft of the final report will be reviewed at their next meeting on August 3, 2006, at 5:30 PM at Oliver, which is open to the public. He attributed the delay to the fact that the Commission is comprised of people from many walks of life.

CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES

Mrs. McBride had nothing to report.

ROCKWELL BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Estrella said the Certificate of Occupancy is near ready and the budget and timeline are where they need to be. Dr. Mara said a minor movement of the playground has been approved; a Rockwell parent secured a \$5,000 grant from Lowe's to install a new type of playground surface. The Town of Bristol requested a wheelchair cut, at a cost of approximately \$2,000, be installed so that the site can be

used for voting; this is being addressed. The arborvitae have been planted as well as the grass.

HUGH COLE / COLT ANDREWS BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to pay Change Order Request #33 (additional structural fill under area "A" slab); Mr. Estrella seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote).

Dr. Mara stated he responded to the RI Historic District Commission that the work planned for the Colt and Andrews buildings is all internal and the outside of the structures will remain unchanged. We have begun asbestos and lead removal at Andrews. Six bids for architectural services have been received.

Modular Classroom: Mrs. McBride said the Bristol Town Council has approved the placement of the classroom on the Common; they wish to revisit the approval annually; we are hoping for Colt Andrews completion in December 2007. Dr. Mara commented that compared to what is on the Common now (the carnival), our intrusion will be insignificant. The exact cost of transportation of the classroom from Pt. Judith to Bristol and the reconfiguration fee is not yet known. Mr. Saviano would like that figure when it is available. Dr. Mara is meeting with a William Scottsman representative tomorrow.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES

Recommendation #S 2006-24: – PERSONNEL

A. APPOINTMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the positions of Secretary to the Director of Guidance and two District Mentor Coordinators as listed below:

1. Adrienne Burke Secretary, Director of Guidance – Mt. Hope High

Effective: July 10, 2006

Reason: To fill a vacancy

(Retirement – J. Baxendale)

Funding: Operational Budget

2. Brian P. MacDougall District Mentor Coordinator

Effective: For the 2006-07 school year only

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

3. Margaret McKiernan District Mentor Coordinator

Effective: For the 2006-07 school year only

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

B. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the extracurricular positions listed below for the 2006-07 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):

COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH

Sport Position Coach

- 1. Lacrosse (Boys) Asst. Coach Pierson Shaw**
- 2. Tennis (Girls) Head Coach Ashley Barry ***
- 3. Volleyball Head Coach Jennifer Cyr ***

ADVISORS – MT. HOPE HIGH

- 4. Student Council Rebecca Moore**

*** Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

C. GUITERAS SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individual for the Summer 2006 session only of the Guiteras School Summer Camp (pending funding and sufficient sign-ups to

warrant running this program):

Name Position

1. Noreen Lapointe Teacher

D. ELEMENTARY SUMMER CAMP: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the Summer 2006 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Elementary Summer Camp contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

Name Position

1. Elaine Skibinski Coordinator

2. Laura Callahan Teacher

3. Eleanor Cox Teacher

4. Jamie Hawkins Teacher

5. Beth Hayes Teacher

6. Donna Larson Teacher

7. Donna Paull Teacher

8. Cheryl Robinson Teacher

9. Mary Ann Gustafson Teacher Assistant

10. Connie Labao Teacher Assistant

E. CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following applications for certified substitutes pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

CERTIFIED

Name Area/Level

- 1. Denise Couto Elementary**
- 2. Susan Mastrola English/Social Studies**
- 3. Bethany L. Vosburgh Secondary English**

F. TERMINATION OF NON-CERTIFIED SUPPORT STAFF: The Superintendent recommends to the School Committee the termination, effective at the end of the 2005-06 school year, of the following listed auxiliary school personnel:

Start Date

- 1. Linda Gerjets 4/22/02**

G. TERMINATION OF NON-CERTIFIED SUPPORT STAFF: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to rescind the vote of June 12, 2006 of the following listed auxiliary school personnel and appoint the listed personnel to the positions indicated:

Name Anticipated Assignment

- 1. Victoria Guthlein Teacher Assistant (Part Time)**
- 2. Lorie Kauffman Teacher Assistant (Part Time)**
- 3. Darlene Rezendes Teacher Assistant (Part Time)**
- 4. Laura Silva Teacher Assistant (Part Time)**

H. SUSPENSION, NONRENEWAL AND/OR TERMINATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to rescind the vote(s) of February 23, 2004 and February 13, 2006 as to the following listed teachers and appoint the listed teachers to the positions indicated:

Name Anticipated Assignment

- 1. Jason Santo Music (Full Time)**
- 2. Sonya Yount Middle School Music (2/5 time-Job Share)**

I. LEAVE OF ABSENCE: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant a leave of absence for a Secondary Foreign Language Teacher as follows:

- 1. Lisa Almeida Foreign Language Teacher – Mt. Hope High**
Effective: For the 2006-07 School Year
Reason: Parental leave in accordance with
Article 21, Section L2 of the Master
Agreement

J. RESIGNATIONS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignations of

James F. Sweeney from the position of Secondary School Psychologist and Erika Saviano from the position of Assistant Girls Soccer Coach as listed below:

1. James F. Sweeney School Psychologist – Mt. Hope High

Effective: End of the 2005-06 School Year

Reason: Personal

2. Erika Saviano Asst. Girls Soccer Coach – Mt. Hope High

Effective: Immediately

Reason: Personal

Recommendation #S 2006-25: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint the school dentist for the 2006-2007 school year.

Ms. Travers motioned to approve; Mr. Brule seconded. Dr. Mara has recommended Dr. Paul Kotuby. The motion to approved passed by a vote of 6 to 0 (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote).

Recommendation #S 2006-26: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint the school doctor for the 2006-2007 school year.

Mr. Brule, seconded by Mr. Estrella, motioned to approve. Dr. Mara has recommended Dr. Leonard Parker. The motion to approve passed by a vote of 5 to 1 with Mrs. Kinsella voting no (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote).

Recommendation #S 2006-27: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the new School Committee Policy FF Naming of School District Facilities (First Reading)

Ms. Travers, seconded by Mr. Saviano, motioned to approve. The motion to approve passed unanimously (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote).

Recommendation #S 2006-28: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy CBA Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent of Schools (First Reading)

Mr. Saviano, seconded by Ms. Travers, motioned to approve. The motion to approve passed unanimously (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote).

Recommendation #S2006-29: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy IKF Graduation Requirements (First Reading)

Mr. Saviano motioned to approve. Ms. Kinsella seconded. Mr. O'Dell pointed out that a blurb on home schooling was omitted from the revision—this was an oversight. Mr. Estrella motioned to amend to

correct the clerical omission; Ms. Travers seconded; the motion to amend passed unanimously (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote). The motion to approve the amended motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote).

Recommendation #S2006-30: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the new School Committee Regulation IKF-R The Rhode Island High School Diploma System

Mr. Saviano motioned to approve; Mrs. Kinsella seconded. The motion passed unanimously (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote).

Recommendation #S2006-31: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, award the bid for #2 heating oil to Dennis K. Burke, Inc., and for #4 heating oil to Brennan Oil & Heating, for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

Mr. Estrella, seconded by Mr. Brule, motioned to approve. The cost rose from \$1.84 last year to \$2.39 this year—all districts received bids in that price range. We went out to bid as a collaborative with other East Bay districts for the best price. Mr. Estrella commented that our Administrators look at the cost of oil as well as how it is used and this has put us ahead of where other districts are. We supplement with natural gas and only Andrews uses #4 oil. The motion to approved passed by a vote of 6 to 0 (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote).

Recommendation #S2006-32: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, award the bid for architectural services for the Colt Andrews Bond Project.

Dr. Mara withdrew this recommendation in order to complete the final process.

Band Trip to Florida: As per policy, Dr. Mara informed the Committee that the Mt. Hope Band is planning a trip to Florida in April 2007.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:52 PM

In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mr. Estrella motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:52 PM for legal advice regarding Council 94 contract negotiations and BWEA Grievance S4-05-06 Litigation. Mr. O'Dell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 8:12 PM

Discussed in Executive Session were the issues mentioned above.

BUDGET/FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Recommendation #BF 2006-03: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, and supported by the Superintendent, approve the 2006-2007 School

Budget.

Ms. Travers motioned to approve; Mr. O'Dell seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote).

ADJOURNMENT – 8:15 PM

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Estrella, seconded by Mr. Brule, motioned to adjourn at 8:15 PM. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. O'Dell, Secretary

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